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## PLEADS INTERESTS OF AVERAGE MAN

Address Before Teachers' Association by Editor

Poe.

## PET FALLACIES EXPLODED

Better Scheme of Rural Education Needed in the South.

One of the addresses that attracted a great deal of favorable comment at the Fourth District Teachers' Association meeting, recently held in Petersburg, was delivered by Editor Clarence H. Poe of the Progressive Farmer. Mr. Poe said in part:

The great principle of democracy is not confined to the world of politics, but applies with equal force in the economic and industrial world. We must revise not only our old aristocratic ideas of government, but our old aristocratic ideas of wealth and industry as well. These old fatal misconceptions have shackled us too long, and there is hope for us only in realizing that wealth is, by nature, not aristocratic, but democratic.

The poorer every other man is, the poorer you are. The richer every other man is, the richer you are—not the reverse of this proposition as too many people have long believed.

**Burdens to the Community.**  
Every man whose earning power is below par, below normal, is a burden on the community; he drags down the whole level of life and every other man in the community is poorer by reason of his presence, whether he be white man or negro, or what not.

Your untrained, inefficient man is not only a poverty breeder for himself, but the contagion of it curses every man in the community. That is, the guilt of leaving him untrained. The law of changeless justice decrees that you must rise or fall, decline or prosper, with your neighbor. You will be richer for his wealth, poorer for his poverty.

**Pet Fallacies Exploded.**  
"The farmer, the common laborer of any sort, needs no training. Educate him and you spoil him. The poorer you keep him, the richer will be the upper class." These have been our great pet fallacies. And a long time have been preached.

Hugging this vampire delusion, the Southern plantation owner has seen vast acres abandoned to broomweed and gullies, in spite of the fact that intelligent handling would have kept them productive a thousand years.

Preaching this fatal doctrine, the merchant has sold Western meat and scooters and tobacco when with proper patronage he might have quadrupled his profits by selling sulky plows and harvesters and carriages and pianos.

Deluded by this fallacy, the statesman has struggled against fate, only to die and be forgotten by people who are too poor to read his biography, and too poor in property to build a monument to his memory, while smaller and meaner men in sections unshackled by these ancient errors, are famed in song and poetry.

And so today every man who is tillage an acre of land in the South, so that it produces only half what intelligently directed labor would get out of it, every man who is doing poor work of any kind, every man who is creating and earning only 50 to 70 cents a day instead of from three to ten times as much as intelligent labor would do, every inefficient man, no matter in what line of work, is a burden on the community, is dragging down the level of life for every other man in the community.

Suppose you are his fellow citizen; then because of his inefficiency his poverty, because of his failure to contribute to public funds and public movements, you must have poorer roads, poorer schools, a meaner schoolhouse and courthouses, a shabbier church, lower priced lands; your teacher will be more poorly paid, your preacher's salary will be smaller, your newspaper will have a smaller circulation, your town will be a poorer market, your railroad will have smaller traffic, your merchant smaller trade, your bank smaller deposits, your manufacturer diminished patronage, and so on and on. The ramifications are infinite, unending.

Writing editorials in support of the aristocratic instead of the democratic theory of industry, the editor has seen his weekly fail of support, when a properly trained and educated people would have brought him wealth as the head of a prosperous daily.

Fighting public taxation for better schools, and other methods of training or enriching the average man, your manufacturer has struggled along with a small business when a prosperous average man would have given us great industries like those in the North and West.

Still arguing that education and training would spoil the workmen, and that "cheaper labor" is what we need, your banker has complained that the South offers no opportunities for the great financier, forgetting that cheap, unprosperous labor means small, unprosperous banks.

Opposing taxation for better schools, the railroads, hauling cotton in the fall and low grade fertilizer in the

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The county school! One pictures it in one's mind as a low wooden building, with a door opening upon the ground, with narrow-paneled windows that are particularly given to rattling when the wind blows and are by no means proof against the creeping, insidious cold of winter. There is the inevitable woodpile, at which the "big" boys take turns at wielding the axe, some with an air of sullen protest, others regarding it as a pleasant respite from the dreariness of the schoolroom. The schoolroom is heated by a stove that usually presents a rusty and decrepit appearance, and, despite the frequent replenishing, it

requires, is very often insufficient for comfort in severe weather. The accessories of the schoolroom are of the crudest description, the sanitary conditions far from healthful. The county school, as a type, is picturesque in illustration and story; it serves its purpose according to its limitations, but there can be no question as to the desirability of modern improvements, as applied to education. This is such a self-evident fact that to enlarge upon it is not alone superfluous, but almost an affront to an intelligent public.

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The Seventh Congressional District Agricultural High School at Middletown, Va., erected at a cost of \$15,000, subscribed by the people of the com-

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## TEACHERS TO MEET IN WILLIAMSBURG

Third Congressional Convention Will Be Held March 25 and 26.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
Williamsburg, Va., March 12.—The Third Congressional District Convention of the Virginia State Teachers' Association will be held in this city on Friday and Saturday, March 25 and 26, and an interesting and attractive program has been arranged by the committee in charge. At least eighty teachers are expected to attend this meeting, and the visitors expected will bring the attendance up to 300 or 400.

The general theme of discussion will be "What the Schools of This District Can Do for Their Environment." The following is the official program:

Friday, March 25, 1910, at Williams and Mary College Chapel, 8:30 A. M.—Morning theme, "What the School Can Do for Local Agricultural Progress." T. O. Sandy, conductor; "What are the Essentials?" J. H. Sinford, Richmond.

Friday, 2:30 P. M., at Williams and Mary Chapel—Afternoon theme, "What the Schools Can Contribute to Community Interests." "The Teachers' Contribution to School Interest," A. B. Chandler, Jr.; "Local History," Miss Estelle Smith; "Local Geography," Miss Louie C. Kelly; "Local Manual Training," Professor R. M. Crawford; "Beautifying the School Yards," Miss Graves; "How the School Can Make the Boy Useful at Home," R. F. Terrell. Round table on afternoon theme.

Friday evening, 8 o'clock—Address of Welcome; For Williamsburg, Hugh S. Bird; for Williams and Mary College, President Lyon G. Tyler. Address, Professor J. S. Thomas, Secretary of Rural Schools for Virginia; address, Hon. W. H. Mann, Governor of Virginia.

Saturday at 9 A. M., at Williams and Mary Chapel—Morning theme, "What the Public School Can Do for the Health of the Community." "Personal and Practical Hygiene," Dr. Ennon G. Williams; "Instruction and Direction of Sanitation," Professor J. W. Ritchie; "The Dirty Child Problem, and How to Solve It," A. H. Fitzgerald; "Medical Inspection in the School," Miss Rachel Isaacson; "Abnormal Children, and How to Deal With Them," Miss R. B. Schaeffer; general round table on main theme and other school problems, H. E. Bennett, conductor. Business meeting.

Saturday, 2 P. M., at Williams and Mary Chapel—Address, Alexander E. Russell; address, "Two Ways of Teaching," Professor C. J. Heatwole. Visits to Bruton Parish Church, the Powder Horn and other places of historic interest.

## LIFE GUARDS.

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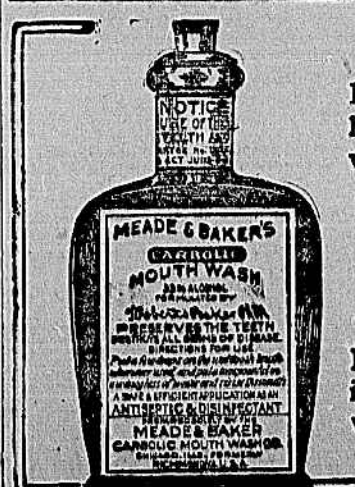
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## TEACHERS ON HISTORIC GROUND.

The meeting of the Fourth Congressional District Teachers' Association, recently held in the city of Petersburg, was a great success. Vice-President J. J. Lincoln, of the State Teachers' Association; Superintendent R. R. Jones, of Petersburg, and W. R. Smith, principal of the Petersburg High School, deserve especial credit for the success of the meeting. About 400 teachers were in attendance. The Petersburg Teachers' Association did itself proud in entertaining the visiting teachers. There was a delightful reception in the "Mike" House, while the meeting closed with a joyous dance on the dance floor. The entire group was photographed.

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